



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry conditions continued last week, pushing small grains to maturity and accelerating the pace of fieldwork. Harvesting activities were virtually complete for winter wheat, while the harvest of spring wheat and barley was well underway. Precipitation events have been insufficient over the last several weeks, resulting in dwindling soil moisture supplies and a decline in most crop conditions. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 72 percent average, and 27 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	71	52	67	74
3 rd cutting	7	--	15	10
Barley				
Turning color	78	50	69	74
Harvested	10	5	26	15
Corn				
Silked	72	43	65	72
Dough	2	--	6	7
Dry Beans				
Blooming	50	41	74	64
Sorghum				
Headed	20	6	16	33
Coloring	4	1	1	10
Spring wheat				
Coloring	73	56	46	65
Harvested	13	5	6	10
Winter wheat				
Harvested	95	85	95	97
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	6.0	5.0	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	11	21
Short	20	16	35	35
Adequate	73	77	50	42
Surplus	3	5	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	22	28
Short	21	18	31	33
Adequate	74	76	46	38
Surplus	2	3	1	1
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	3	7
Poor	4	4	11	11
Fair.....	27	28	28	30
Good	55	54	43	41
Excellent	14	14	15	11
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor	--	--	4	3
Fair.....	15	15	16	27
Good	54	57	51	56
Excellent	31	28	27	13
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	9
Poor	3	1	5	9
Fair.....	20	20	23	24
Good	64	66	52	47
Excellent	13	13	18	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor	--	--	--	7
Fair.....	26	25	57	48
Good	70	70	36	37
Excellent	4	5	7	5
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	2	5
Fair.....	11	10	21	27
Good	71	71	65	56
Excellent	17	18	12	10
Onions				
Very poor	3	3	--	--
Poor	8	8	2	2
Fair.....	19	19	15	20
Good	56	55	68	63
Excellent	14	15	15	15
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	1	8	23
Poor	12	12	23	21
Fair.....	23	23	28	25
Good	51	50	34	26
Excellent	13	14	7	5
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	8	NA
Poor	4	4	15	NA
Fair.....	17	17	27	NA
Good	53	54	40	NA
Excellent	26	25	10	NA
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	5	5	17	NA
Good	83	77	73	NA
Excellent	12	18	9	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	3	9
Poor	5	3	20	18
Fair.....	31	24	48	36
Good	61	70	28	33
Excellent	3	3	1	4
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	5
Poor	--	--	8	13
Fair.....	40	40	40	34
Good	54	54	51	42
Excellent	6	6	1	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	9	9	19	20
Good	69	67	56	60
Excellent	21	23	21	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	3	5
Poor	5	2	21	14
Fair.....	29	24	29	35
Good	50	50	41	40
Excellent	16	24	6	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero